



**Shabbat Parsha Vayetze**

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*This weeks Shabbos sheet is sponsored by  
Lynne & Errol Saltzman  
in memory of Lynne's mother, Selma Weber,  
and in honor of her children and grandchildren.*

**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Debbie & Lloyd Roitstein in honor of her birthday and in memory of Brother-in-law Gary Hobbs and also for the merit of a complete recovery for those who are ill and need a recovery in our community and in the entire nation of Israel.*

**Saturday, December 7**  
**Bar Mitzva of Abiel Oregon**

Open Beit Midrash.....	8:30 a.m.
Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Torah Tot Shabbat.....	10:50 a.m.
Kiddush .....	11:15 a.m.

*In honor of Abiel's Bar Mitzva.*

<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	3:35 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.....	4:20 p.m.
Havdalah .....	5:41 p.m.

**Sunday, December 8**

Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Works of the Maimonides .....	9:45 a.m.
JYE BI.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	4:40 p.m.

**Monday, December 9**

<i>Laws of Shabbos</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit .....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	7:40 a.m.
<i>Lights of Teshuva</i> with Rabbi Moshe .....	8:00 a.m.
<i>Cooking the Torah</i> with Rabbi Yoni .....	1:00 p.m.

*Learning Torah Through the Palate*

Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	4:40 p.m.
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**Tuesday, December 10**

<i>Laws of Shabbos</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit .....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	7:40 a.m.
<i>Lights of Teshuva</i> with Rabbi Moshe .....	8:00 a.m.
Torah Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	4:40 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 11**

<i>Laws of Shabbos</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit .....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	7:40 a.m.
<i>Lights of Teshuva</i> with Rabbi Moshe .....	8:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	4:40 p.m.

**Thursday, December 12**

<i>Laws of Shabbos</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit .....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	7:40 a.m.
<i>Lights of Teshuva</i> with Rabbi Moshe .....	8:00 a.m.
<i>Character Development</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	4:40 p.m.

**Friday, December 13**

<i>Laws of Shabbos</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit .....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	7:40 a.m.
<i>Lights of Teshuva</i> with Rabbi Moshe .....	8:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	4:37 p.m.



# Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

### Birthdays (English)

Mordechei Lopez	December 7
Jeanne Shechet	December 10
Rabbi Ari Dembitzer	December 10
Hannah Alpersen	December 13
Rachel Alpersen	December 13

### Birthdays (Hebrew)

Maggie Gerber	09 Kislev
Mordechei Lopez	09 Kislev
Tippi Denenberg	12 Kislev
Bruce Potash	13 Kislev

### Anniversary

Cantor Leo & Annette Fettman	December 9
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*Celebrating a special simcha?  
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be a part of  
the December 14th Simcha Kiddush.*

## Mazel Tov!

Abiel Oregon on the celebration of his Bar Mitzva. Abiel is the son of Bertha Shyken and his siblings include Alondra, Alexandra, & Aiden

**me: celebrating  
my bar-mitzva  
my family:**





# LATKES & JELLY DONUTS WITH UNO'S SCHWALB CENTER FOR ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES

**Wednesday, December 11th | 3:30-5PM**  
**UNO Community Engagement Center**  
**Marian Ivers Board Room - 128**

Join us for a nosh and networking event;  
meet with Schwalb Center associated faculty  
learn about Spring 2020 courses and  
celebrate the end of the semester.



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**Chanukah Brisket Lunch**  
**Saturday, December 28, 2019**  
**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

\*registration is now open. Call or email the office to reserve your spot today.

Enjoy a delicious traditional Chanukah meal. Including brisket, potato kugel, salad, applesauce, challah rolls, and desserts.

Reservations close Monday, December 23 at noon.

Cost \$15 for adults, \$8 ages 6-12, \$5 ages 4-5, Free ages 3 & under.

Vegetarian meals available by request.

\*As always, we never want finances to get in the way of your attendance at community events. If assistance is needed, please contact the office.

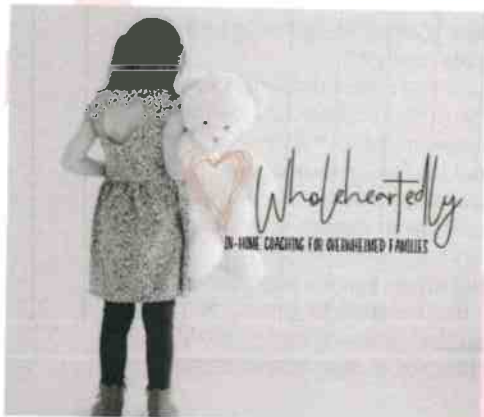
# INTER-GENERATIONAL DOR L'DOR LEARNING

BETH ISRAEL

DECEMBER 14TH  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

PARENTS AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO  
JOIN US FOR GUIDED INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR THINKING CAPS!!



## Keeping "Relate" In Your Parent-Child Relationships January 9, 16, 23, & 30 8:15 p.m. at Beth Israel

Though these classes, Danielle will  
discuss everyday parenting  
strategies and practical advice for  
effectively raising your 1-7 year-olds.

\$30 per couple for all for classes or  
\$10 per class. Please RSVP by calling  
the office 402.556.6288

COME HEAR FROM DANIELLE  
BETTMANN, EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATOR AND PARENTING COACH.  
IN HER NEW CLASS SERIES:



...to Dani Shrago for continuing to do our weekly shopping.  
...to Rabbi Yoni and Faige for leading the charge on creating new  
and exciting programming for the kids of Beth Israel.  
...to the staff and volunteers of the Jewish Funeral Home for  
helping us get through an unfortunately busy week.

Please remember to properly dispose of your plates and utensils,  
and encourage children to do the same.  
Keeping the Shul tidy is a community effort.  
Thank you very much.



## Friend of Foe



*And it was, when Lavan heard the news of Yaakov his sister's son, he ran toward him, embraced him, kissed him, and took him to his house.  
(Gen. 29:13)*

Rashi writes that Lavan ran toward Yaakov since he was certain that Yaakov had come laden with wealth and precious gifts. Seeing that he was empty-handed, Lavan thought that Yaakov had probably brought diamonds concealed under his clothes. He embraced Yaakov and slid his fingers over Yaakov's garments, but felt nothing. He then thought that perhaps Yaakov was afraid of being robbed, and had hidden his valuables in his mouth. Lavan kissed him lovingly, but again came up with nothing.

Why does Rashi interpret Lavan's actions in a negative light; maybe he was hugging and kissing him because he was his nephew?

People can be very friendly and act like you're a close acquaintance, but in truth they just want to borrow your car or garner another favor from you. As soon as they get what they need they disappear. It's as if they never knew you. At the end of the parsha, when Yaakov and his family were departing from Lavan's house, the verse says that Lavan kissed his daughters and grandsons but not Yaakov. Why didn't he kiss Yaakov? Lavan already knew that he was empty-handed, so there was no longer any reason to kiss him!(1)

A true friend is not someone that hugs and kisses you for your money. A true friend is someone who cares about you - despite what he gets in return. The way for one to obtain such friends is to be that type of friend yourself! Genuinely care for others and do things that are in their best interest.

NOTE

1. Chofetz Chaim.



December 19-23	Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel	\$299 Early Bird Price (before December 1) \$329 Regular Price Transportation fee not included
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Register now at [midwestncsy.org](http://midwestncsy.org)

For more information, contact [midwest@ncsy.org](mailto:midwest@ncsy.org) or 847-677-6279.



# Parsha Vayetze

Source: By Rabbi Aron Tendler  
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**1st Aliya:** Yakov experiences the famed prophecy of “Jacob’s Ladder”.

**2nd Aliya:** Yakov arrives in Charan, encounters Rachel, and contracts with Lavan for her hand in marriage.

**3rd Aliya:** Lavan switches Leah for Rachel forcing Yakov to negotiate another 7 years of service for Rachel. Leah gives birth to Reuven, Shimon, Levi, and Yehudah. Rachel marries off Bilhah to Yakov who gives birth to Dan and Naftoli. Leah marries off Zilpah to Yakov, and she gives birth to Gad and Asher.

**4th Aliya:** Rachel contracts with Leah for Reuven’s mandrakes, after which Leah gives birth to Yisachar and Zevulen. Rachel finally gives birth to Yoseph, and Yakov approaches Lavan to negotiate a proper salary for continued service.

**5th Aliya:** Yakov’s uses his vast knowledge of nature and husbandry to amass a fortune in sheep and cattle. After 6 years he decides with Rachel and Leah to flee from Lavan.

**6th Aliya:** They flee and Lavan catches them. Hashem (G-d) intervenes and Yakov, while confronting Lavan for his years of duplicity, unwittingly curses Rachel.

**7th Aliya:** Yakov and Lavan separate and Yakov arrives at the border of Canaan in 2205.

## Parsha Questions

- 1) which prayer did Yaakov compose? Which word teaches us this?
- 2) why did Yaakov cry when he met Rochel?
- 3) what is the description of both Rochel and Leah ?
- 4) What does Yaakov pursuing Rochel have to do with Abi’s bar mitzva?

## In Memoriam

Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to members of the community on recent losses.

✧ Selma Weber ✧ Ann Moskovits ✧ Jerome David Simon ✧  
✧ Melvin Katz ✧ Betty Bader ✧

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'aravelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim





## **WELCOME TO BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

We are delighted to welcome you to Beth Israel Synagogue. A passage from Deuteronomy 30:11-14 inspired the art work in the sanctuary. "For this commandment that I command you today - it is not hidden from you and it is not distant. It is not in heaven, [for you] to say, 'Who can go to the heaven and take it for us so that we can listen to it and perform it? Nor is it across the seas, [for you] to say, 'Who can cross to the other side of the sea for us and take it for us, so that we can listen to it and perform it?' Rather, the matter is very near to you - in your mouth and your heart - to perform it." Mitzvot are obtainable.

- ◆ The focal point of the sanctuary is the Menorah Window, which frames the Ark and is shaped in the form of the six branched candelabrum. To the right, brilliantly colored windows have forms that reflect the heavens, while the left side depicts the seas.
- ◆ The message is completed in a frieze, the horizontal painting on wood mounted on the wall. The background of the frieze symbolically and abstractly represents the relationship between G-d and the people of Israel through the Covenant. The perochet, or curtain over the Ark, completes the symbolic composition, with an expression that intertwines the Torah and the letter Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, of the Ten Commandments, and of G-d's name in Hebrew.
- ◆ As is traditional, the sanctuary has 12 windows, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. These windows contain the name of each tribe in flowing, organic letters. The windows are located above the continued frieze, which includes two central texts of the revelation at Sinai - "If you will keep my Covenant, you shall be precious to me," and "You shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." This composition expresses the unity of Israel as the people stood together at Sinai and accepted the Torah.

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